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A Bill

SENATE BILL 810

5 By: Senator Elliott
6 By: Representative Broadway
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO
10 ACCEPT EDUCATIONAL NEGLECT REPORTS AND TO ASSESS THE
11 SAFETY OF CHILDREN REGARDING ACCEPTED MALTREATMENT
12 REPORTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
16 SERVICES TO ACCEPT EDUCATIONAL NEGLECT
17 REPORTS AND TO ASSESS THE SAFETY OF ALL
18 CHILDREN REGARDING ACCEPTED MALTREATMENT
19 REPORTS.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-18-304(e), qualifying reports of certain
26 types of child maltreatment, is amended to read as follows:

27 (e) The Child Abuse Hotline shall not accept a report of+

28 ~~(1) Environmental~~ environmental neglect pertaining to head lice
29 unless the:

30 ~~(A)(1)~~ (1) Head lice is chronic; or

31 ~~(B)(2)~~ (2) Alleged victim currently has sores that require immediate
32 medical attention; ~~or~~

33 ~~(2) Educational neglect from a school unless the school has~~
34 ~~complied with § 6-18-222.~~

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36 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 12-18-304, concerning qualifying reports of



1 certain types of child maltreatment, is amended to add an additional
 2 subsection to read as follows:

3 (f) The Child Abuse Hotline shall accept each call regarding
 4 educational neglect.

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 6 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 12-18-601, concerning the assignment to
 7 investigative agency of a child maltreatment report, is amended to add
 8 additional subsections to read as follows:

9 (e)(1) With regard to the procedures described in subdivisions (d)(1)
 10 and (2) of this section, the Department of Human Services shall assess the
 11 safety of a child upon the receipt of an accepted child maltreatment report.

12 (2) The assessment under subdivision (e)(1) of this section
 13 shall include each underlying issue or additional child maltreatment concern
 14 that may not have been identified in the original hotline report.

15 (f) The Department of Human Services shall work with families related
 16 to an accepted child maltreatment report to remedy the conditions or issues
 17 that resulted in the child maltreatment report.

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 20 **APPROVED: 04/07/2015**